

SANTA MARIA HEALTHY START



Santa Maria Healthy Start Program Description

Santa Maria Healthy Start, a Family Resource Center, acts as a safety net for vulnerable children and families, linking them to resources that meet their most basic needs. We work in collaboration with the Santa Maria Bonita School District (19 schools), medical and dental clinics, county agencies, community agencies, and others so that children and families in Santa Maria can access a broad range of services. Santa Maria Healthy Start Family Advocates provide case management, advocacy and education services to promote self-sufficiency at its Resource Center. Our staff coordinates referrals for children in need of medical, dental and/or vision care, as well as coordinates referrals of families in need of basic needs, counseling, employment, housing, and other needs. The focus of the case management, advocacy and education services at Healthy Start is to assist families facing a complex set of barriers to self-sufficiency by providing access to care, strengthening a family's skills and resources and engaging parents in their children's academic experiences.

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Program Focus and Interest

Target Population

- Children 0-5
- School Aged Children 6-18
- Foster Youth
- Children w/disabilities
- Parents (Teen, Foster, Grandparents, Single, Expectant, etc.)
- Families

Focus/Interest Areas

- Child Abuse and Neglect prevention
- Protective Factors/Family Strengthening
- Health Care Enrollment
- Concrete Supports

Case Management and Walk-in and Phone Call Requests:

- Health Care Services
- Mental Health Services primarily children, but adults when needed
- Health Care Services
- Developmental Disabilities Services
- Parent Education
- Nutrition/Food Security
- Transportation
- Shelter Services
- Housing Assistance
- Homeless Services
- Domestic Violence
- Perinatal Services
- Postpartum Services
- Job/Career Readiness
- Early Care and Education
- Substance Abuse

Databases

Family Development Matrix (FDM)-DSS and First 5
GEMS-First 5

Partnerships

Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center
Santa Maria Bonita School District
First 5-Family Strengthening Initiative
Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC)
Healthy Start Community Collaborative
Dental Access Resource Team (DART)
THRIVE Santa Maria Community Collaborative Exec. Board
First 5 Advisory Board
Santa Barbara County Network of Family Resource Centers
Healthier Community Council
Children's Health Access Resource Team (CHART)
Direct Relief International
KIDS Network
Dr. Tam (Dentist)
Child Abuse Neglect Collaborative (SMVYFC-North County)Community Health Centers-Brush, Brush, Brush Program